UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10/17/66

R. E. Wick

RICHARD WHALEN,
PROPOSED ARTICLE FOR THE
SATURDAY EVENING POST ON
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

By reference from Mr. Sullivan's office, Richard Whalen came to my office on October 12 and 14, 1966, and spoke with Bishop. Whalen is the writer-in-residence for the Institute for Strategic Studies and is the author of the book about Joseph Kennedy, father of the former President, entitled "The Founding Father." He is presently on leave of absence for two months from the Institute for Strategic Studies in order to prepare a definitive article on the assassination of the President for the Saturday Evening Post magazine, to come out sometime in December, 1966.

We have no identifiable data in Bureau files concerning Whalen.

Whalen advised that in his article he intends to make a very thorough and exhaustive study of all of the books which have recently been published in a critical vein concerning the Warren Commission Report of the assassination of the President and to point out the false premises upon which the writers of these books have based their conclusions. He stated that it is his personal feeling that following the publication of the Warren Commission Report it was the overwhelming opinion of people throughout the world that the assassination was the sole work of Oswald and, because of Oswald's Marxist background, the Marxist countries, particularly Russia, lost prestige. He stated that the recent wave of books critical of the Warren Commission Report, however, several of which have been written by individuals of "leftist" background, have served to discredit the work and conclusion of the Commission to the detriment of the integrity of the U. S. and its high officials. He advised that the purpose of his

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article is to point out that the books critical of the Warren Commission and its conclusion are without any sound basis in fact.

Whalen had a number of questions concerning the FBI's role in the investigation of the assassination, all of which are completely and thoroughly covered in various portions of the Warren Commission Report, and the pertinent portions were pointed out to Whalen in answer to his questions. He indicated that should additional questions along these lines arise, he may contact this office again.

RECOMMENDATION

None. For information.